

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday September 1st 2002

EI3EL Silent Key

Cathal Rosney EI3EL from Cellbridge, Co. Kildare, died suddenly on Sunday the 18th of August. Cathal was an active and well liked radio amateur and will be sadly missed by his family and by his friends in the amateur radio community.

May he rest in peace.

International Space Station

Frequencies for the International Space Station are as follows: Region 1 Voice uplink 145.200 MHz FM & downlink 145.800 MHz FM. Packet uplink 145.990 MHz FM & downlink 145.800 MHz FM.

Fingal Radio Club

Fingal Radio Club would like to announce a change to their item last week on the trip to Llandudno Rally on the 2nd of November 2002. The trip will now commence as before on the Saturday morning 2nd November, leaving Dublin Port at 06:15 hrs and returning the same evening from Holyhead at 20:45 hrs, arriving back in Dublin Port at approx. 22:20 hrs. In other words no overnight stay as stated last week. The cost inclusive of all transfers will be 90 euro. Please phone Liam EI3HK at '01-8316266 or 087-2521542 for further information.

Perseid Meteor Shower 2002

EI5FK reports an about average meteor shower this year working 17 stations, 15 of these were on FSK441, 1 on high speed CW at 2500 letters per minute and 1 on random SSB. Contacts were made between the 1st and 18th of August. Countries worked on 144 MHz include Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Poland, Slovenia, Italy, Portugal and France in 16 locator squares. Most of these contacts were worked with 50 watts and a 13 element yagi horizontally polarised. More details including wav files from the Perseids are to be found on his website www.qsl.net/ei5fk

Shannon Basin Radio Club

Shannon Basin Radio Club will resume meetings after the summer break at the Royal Hotel, Roscommon at 2030 hrs on Tuesday the 3rd of September 2002. Members are requested to attend.

6 metres news

The 6-metre sporadic-E season this year has been a little disappointing compared to last year, openings seem to be rarer and shorter. Maybe we were a little spoiled with the excellent F2 season and thought a bumper sporadic-E season would follow. However there are a number of experimenters who have worked 200 plus maidenhead grid squares so far this year.

Squares table 2002

The squares table has been up and running again this year, please send in your maidenhead scores if you are an active VHF operator on 2 meters, 4 meters, 6 meters, 70Cm, 23Cm or above. The squares table is published in each edition of Echo Ireland. The up to date scores can be found on EI7GL's web-page, www.qsl.net/ei7gl under the heading Squares table 2002.

South Dublin Radio Club

With a view to increasing the number of operators active in the recent 2 metre Counties Contest, members of South Dublin Radio Club entered the contest from four different locations. Mark EI7FNB and Joe EI7GY activated the club call EI2SDR from the Ridge of Cappard in County Laois, and Kyle EI9FGB climbed Tonlagee, County Wicklow's second highest peak. Mark EI9IB operated from his home QTH in Kildare, while Nicky EI9JF operated from his QTH (also in County Kildare), accompanied by Nick EI5FLB and Mike EI9FFB. All stations reported good scores: although fewer counties appeared to be active than on previous occasions, good band conditions kept the totals up. For once, the weather was excellent, which was particularly welcomed by the portable station operators.

On Tuesday next, the 3rd of September, a twelve-week Morse course will commence at the SDR QTH in Marian Road, Rathfarnham. It is hoped that, at the end of this period, pupils will be in a position to sit the Morse exam. Anyone interested in joining

this course should come along to the club meeting on Tuesday, which starts at 8.00 p.m.

Cork Radio Club

The Cork Radio Club Rally will take place on the 29th of September in the Blarney Park Hotel. For information, contact Con EI7DJB or Dick at 021-4545154.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group recently took part in the Autumn Leg of the EI Counties Contest which took place on Sunday the 25th of August last. Operators were, John EI8JA, Eoin EI7FXB and Mark EI7IS who operated EI2WRC/P in the Low Power Portable category from Tory Hill, Co. Kilkenny.

General Meetings will resume on Wednesday the 25th of September. The next committee meeting will take place at 8.00 p.m. this coming Wednesday the 7th of August in the usual venue of Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford.

Items for inclusion in Echo Ireland should be forwarded to Dave Moore EI4BZ at 021-4883555. Items can also be submitted to Dave by e-mail at ei4bz@eircom.net.

Items for inclusion in the Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall EI7IS at QTHR or via e-mail to ei7is@qsl.net or cyberis@e-merge.ie. Items can also be sent to Mark over the phone at 087-6302026.

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